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Paragraph XX

In response to a request made in accordance with paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 56/86 of 12 December 2001, the Special Committee identified the following measures to improve its working methods and enhance its efficiency:

(a) **Any delegation wishing to submit a new proposal** is encouraged:

(i) To bear in mind the mandate of the Special Committee, and to confirm to the extent possible, through consultation with the Secretariat if necessary, whether the new proposal would entail any duplication of the work being done by other bodies on the same subject;

(ii) To submit the proposal as far in advance of the session as possible.

(b) **A delegation submitting a proposal** is encouraged:

(i) To request the Committee to conduct a preliminary evaluation as to its necessity and appropriateness at the first session of the Committee;

(ii) After an exchange of views is held on its proposal, to assess the priority and the urgency of the proposal in comparison with other proposals discussed in the Committee, and to consider, where appropriate, the postponement or biennialization of the consideration of its proposal;

(iii) After the proposal has been discussed at reasonable length, to ask the Committee, where appropriate, to decide whether the discussion on the proposal should be continued, taking into account the possibility of reaching a general agreement in the future.

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(c) **The Special Committee** is encouraged:

(i) To ensure that the meeting is conducted as efficiently as possible in order to minimize waste of time and resources, including allocated conference services;

(ii) To accord priority to the consideration of those areas on which a general agreement is possible, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975;

(iii) To consider, where appropriate, the question of the duration of its next session with a view to making an appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly;

(iv) To review periodically other ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency, including ways and means of improving the procedure for the adoption of its report.